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Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation Recidivism Reduction Strategies Detail \$52.8 million

- **Inmate Education Programs** - The overarching goals and expected outcomes of the education master plan include decreasing the amount of disruptive behavior within institutions, increasing employability, and creating an accountability system that tracks responsibility and outcomes. The Budget includes \$21.1 million in 2006-07 to fund enhancements such as a comprehensive needs assessment for inmates, expansion of the existing vocational and life skills education program, and providing alternative education models based on independent study, half-time educational assignments, and distance learning to facilitate access to educational services for all inmates.
- **Community Partnerships** - Expansion in this area will encourage community investment inside correctional facilities, increase the coordination of resources available to prisoners, and develop unique and innovative reentry programs that will improve an inmate's transition back into the community. The Budget includes \$7.7 million in 2006-07 to foster intergovernmental partnerships, conduct a grant program for pilot projects that will seek innovative solutions for inmates preparing to transition back into the community, and provide regional community managers who will coordinate volunteer and not-for-profit efforts that are available for inmates and parolees.
- **Parolee Services** - The programs will assist parolees as they return to the community and provide enhanced transitional housing and services in collaboration with local community resources. The Budget includes \$7.8 million in 2006-07 to expand programs such as the Residential Multi-Service Centers, housing for eligible sex-offenders, and community-based coalitions that will explore options for intergovernmental and private entity collaboration for supportive reentry services.
- **Institutions Rehabilitative and Treatment Programs** - These programs will address the need for other types of institution-based programs, designed to improve inmates' ability to successfully reintegrate into society. The Budget includes \$9.9 million in 2006-07 for various rehabilitative and treatment programs, including increasing the number of visitation days for disciplinary-free inmates, female offender housing and rehabilitation services, and opening a substance abuse program at Kern Valley State Prison.

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- Research and Support - Successful implementation of the Recidivism Reduction Strategies is linked to the CDCR's ability to conduct research, project future needs, and support the initial and ongoing programmatic implementation. The plan includes \$6.2 million in 2006-07 to assess the effectiveness of correctional programs and initiatives, evaluate program implementation to ensure that they will result in the intended outcomes, improve the population projections process, evaluate the training program, and provide administrative support.